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The Honorable Rahm Emanuel Mayor City of Chicago 121 North LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mr. Mayor,

Over six years ago, while proudly serving as the first lady of the 2nd Congressional District and meeting with constituents across the city and southland, I was motivated to answer the clarion call of public service. Consequently, it was my profound honor to be elected on February 27, 2007 as Alderman of the 7th Ward of the City of Chicago and I vowed to commit my time and energy to transforming our community and building an enterprising future for generations to come.

Throughout my tenure, I have been fortunate to celebrate a myriad of milestones, including championing \$98 million dollars in TIF funds, advancing the development of the Chicago Lakeside project, ushering in the construction and opening of the LEED Certified Powell Replacement School, as well as increasing the impact of 7th Ward CAPS programs and developing the first Special Service Area (SSA) in the ward.

During this remarkable journey, I have been inspired by the residents of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward who exhibit an unwavering love for their neighborhood and deep determination to make Chicago a world-class city. Whether attending a block club meeting, visiting a local senior home or speaking at a school assembly, I am constantly reminded that we all have a responsibility to work, in tandem with our neighbors, civic organizations and elected officials to build a community where our families can truly flourish.

As a representative of the people of the 7th Ward, I value the public trust which has been bestowed upon me and take my responsibility to safeguard the interests of my constituents seriously. Likewise, I am unapologetically a wife and a mother and I cannot deny my commitment to those most important personal responsibilities. To that end, after much



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consideration and while dealing with very painful family health matters I have met with my family and determined that the constituents of the 7th Ward, as well as you Mr. Mayor, and my colleagues in the City Council deserve a partner who can commit all of their energies to the business of the people. Therefore, it is with a heavy heart that I tender my resignation as Alderman of 7th Ward, effective January 15, 2013.

While I will no longer serve in this official leadership capacity, my service and affinity to the ward, my staff and the citizens of the City of Chicago remains unwavering. I am immensely grateful for the prayers and support extended to me and my family during this most difficult time and words will never be able to capture the magnitude of my gratitude to the 7th Ward for allowing me to serve them.

Sincerely,

Sandi Jackson

7<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman